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Greenbelters, Look Out Below! Maglev Is Coming! Or Is It?

by James Giese

This is the first of a series of articles about the efforts to construct a high-speed train system through Greenbelt.

Is maglev the transportation mode of the future? Will it succeed as well as did railroad trains, horseless carriages and airplanes? Or will it go the way of the Stanley Steamer, the dirigible and the SST? Time will tell.

Powerful forces, including the U.S. Congress, the Maryland governor and prominent political and business leaders are behind a proposal to explore providing an electromagnetic driven high-speed train (SCMaglev) service between Washington and Baltimore with one stop at the Thurgood Marshall Baltimore-Washington International Airport. This could be the first phase of a line that runs all the way north to Boston and maybe south to Charlotte. The train is expected to be able to carry travelers between Baltimore

and Washington in 15 minutes, going much of the way underground in tunnels and the rest on elevated structures. The route selected could run in bored tunnels 90 feet under existing homes and other property in Greenbelt, including the Forest Preserve where it might emerge from the tunnel and become elevated.

But whether you are for or against this proposal, you shouldn't expect to see the train system built and running for quite some time, optimistically seven years for the Washington-Baltimore section and many more for the entire length, that is if it is ever built.

Maglev stands for magnetic levitation. SC stands for superconducting, one form of maglev. To explain how this works on a train is beyond this reporter's ability. In simple terms, an electric powered engine develops a super-strong magnetic force that

lifts the train off the ground and pulls it forward at a high rate of speed. A guideway steers the train's direction, although the train does not touch it or the ground until it stops. To the power of the magnetic force is added the reduction of drag because the train is essentially flying at speeds well over 300 miles an hour. Proponents say it will be noiseless and vibrationless and because it runs on electricity, it can be powered from renewable sources, not fossil fuels. Others strongly disagree and claim that it will make noise and vibrate and cite as one supporting document, a High-Speed Ground Transportation Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment prepared for the Federal Railway Administration in September 2012 by the consulting firm Harris, Miller, Miller & Hanson, Inc.

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Council Worksession Features Comcast Franchise Agreement

by Maria Herd

Two representatives from Comcast's Government and Regulatory Affairs department joined the Greenbelt City Council on November 20 for its first worksession since the recent election. The status of the franchise agreement between Prince George's County and Comcast, which has been in negotiations since 2014, was one of the first points of discussion.

"We are confident that we will be able to reach terms soon that are mutually beneficial to Comcast as well as the participating franchise authorities," said Adeyinka Ogunlegan, the manager of Government and Regulatory Affairs at Comcast. Senior Di-

rector of Government and Regulatory Affairs Stacy Burnette pointed out that the parties are close to an agreement because they are now exchanging whole documents to review instead of detailed terms.

"It's a multimillion dollar contract. Both parties are very cautious and want to make sure there is an equal exchange of benefits," Burnette said. She also noted, from her experience working as cable regulator, that this time frame is not unusual for negotiations. She said that on average franchise agreements take two years to negotiate.

A few councilmembers then raised concerns about rising costs

and losing access to certain channels. The representatives suggested to call Xfinity and ask about promotions and package options.

However, those promotions often expire after a handful of months. Councilmember Edward Putens suggested that Comcast should provide a notification when a bill is set to increase due to an expired promotion. Representatives said that they have heard the suggestion before and would relay that it was brought

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What Goes On

Friday, December 1
7 p.m., Community Tree Lighting, Roosevelt Center
7 to 9 p.m., Deco The Halls, Greenbelt Museum
Saturday, December 2
8 to 11 a.m., Pancake Breakfast with Santa, American Legion
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Juried Art and Craft Fair, Community Center
Sunday, December 3
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Juried Art and Craft Fair, Community Center
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Farmers Market
Monday, December 4
8 p.m., Council Worksession, Zoning Re-write / NCO Zone, Municipal Building

American Education Week

In celebration of American education, these columns tell the stories of selected teachers from the schools serving the Greenbelt community. This week readers will get a glimpse inside Greenbelt Middle School. In coming weeks we will focus on the other local public schools.

The stories feature two teachers or staff members at each school; these are coordinated by David Lange, who originated the series and liaises with the schools, and Alice Murray who works with the reporters.

Carr Drives A Great Math Class at Greenbelt Middle

by Stephanie Selzer

As a kid, Cody Carr always liked school. When he played pretend with his siblings, he was always the teacher and they were the students. In high school, his math teacher was not very engaging, so Carr formed his own study group with classmates.

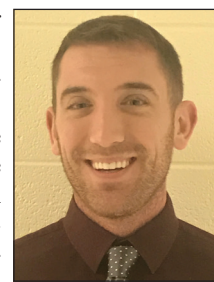


PHOTO BY STEPHANIE SELZER

Cody Carr

It's no wonder then that he became a math teacher at Greenbelt Middle School. Carr came to Greenbelt in 2014 after graduating from Kutztown University in Pennsylvania. This year he teaches eighth grade geometry and serves as math department chair.

Unlike his high school teacher, Carr works hard to make his class interactive instead of simply lecturing to his students. "I knew I wanted to be a different kind of

teacher," he said. He often uses the flipped classroom model in which students read lessons and take notes at home, then come to class ready to participate in lively discussions.

Carr also incorporates students' cell phones and tablets into the classroom. "It's a challenge to keep current and up with technology," he said. He regularly uses tools like GeoGebra, which allows students to construct two-dimensional and three-dimensional geometric shapes using their computer or tablet. Carr also uses the app Kahoot to create interactive quizzes where answers are projected to the front of the classroom. He says students often

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Ieshia Clark-Eaton Counsels Sixth-grade Students at GMS

by Stephanie Selzer

Ieshia Clark-Eaton didn't plan on working in the education field. After earning a degree in psychology from Howard University, she began her career in child protective services. When she began to feel burned out, a friend who worked at Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) suggested she look into teaching.

"I had never thought about teaching at all," said Clark-Eaton. But she decided to observe a couple of classes, and found that she liked it. In 2004, Clark-Eaton joined the staff at GMS as a special education teacher, instructing in all subjects except creative arts. She eventually worked her way up to become special education chair.

While Clark-Eaton enjoyed her time in the classroom, she realized that teachers have to focus hard on curriculum and may not always have time to help students with bigger emotional and social problems. "I found myself



PHOTO BY STEPHANIE SELZER

Ieshia Clark-Eaton,

wanting to be more of a supporter and a helper. So that's why I went back to get a masters in school counseling," she said.

Clark-Eaton earned her masters degree from Trinity Washington University in Washington, D.C. She now serves as the sixth-grade school counselor and department chair at GMS. She and her fellow counselors provide individual counseling, conflict resolution and crisis intervention for students. "My role is to advocate for students, as well as to be the connection between the teachers, parents and students," said Clark-Eaton.

She knows that middle school students are at a tough age as they are just beginning to learn about themselves. Kids at that age don't always make the best decisions. One of the biggest challenges is bullying and peer pressure, especially online. Clark-

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PHOTO BY MARIANA GUERRERO

Youth Advisory Committee Chair Ema Smith speaks at the general session of the NLC City Summit. See story on page 12.

Franklin Park Deliveries Go Electronic – Read All About It

With the cessation of hallway deliveries in Franklin Park, this newspaper and Franklin Park’s management company, Fieldstone Properties, agreed on electronic delivery of the News Review. Each week, the paper prepares a short synopsis of the paper’s highlights and sends it with the paper to Fieldstone who, in turn, distributes it to their database of residents. With one click, Franklin Park’s 3,000-plus renters have all the news of Greenbelt available to them.

The paper will also be putting out newspaper boxes for those who prefer a paper copy. The green boxes will be located at the Metro station and several bus stops around town.

The paper urges residents of Franklin Park to participate with the News Review and influence the content to increase its relevance to the complex. Help the paper cover activities of concern to residents. Let the paper know what is going on and share news and views from Greenbelt West. We have volunteer opportunities in a number of areas including email, writing, web-site, editing and proofing. We also have paid positions in delivery. Contact the paper at editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com to share concerns, offer help or comment on the paper.

Letters to the Editor

The Real Story

I read with great interest the account of the showing of Defending Utopia at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. The film commemorated the 80th anniversary of the Greenbelt News Review.

Although I did not attend the showing, the film included a clip of an interview in which I said of the movie Three Brave Men, “It was the worst movie I had ever seen.” Others agreed with me. Why? We had expected to see a story about the three brave Greenbelt men who had been accused and lost their jobs. But, to our surprise and horror, these three were not mentioned in the movie. One of those accused decided not to fight and moved away.

In the film, one of the three brave men was the hated supervisor, one was Izzy Parker’s eventual lawyer, the third I don’t remember. Our friends knew the reason for the accusations; it was because they were Jews, accused by others who hated the supervisor, also Jewish. President Truman had declared that if you were suspicious about someone, report it.

This was their chance! One of those who was accused left town, deciding not to challenge the charge. Izzy was encouraged to fight and was supported by his family. He found a good labor lawyer. Friends donated to a fund set up in Twin Pines.

After many months being denied by two boards, and cleared by the third, my husband Izzy returned to work.

In the end, the supervisor set up a professional office; Izzy worked at a shoe store to support his family. The professional expenses were excused. Izzy had to return his salary.

Janet Jacobs Parker

Thank You

The Michael D. Maxwell Jr. Foundation for Mental Awareness would like to thank all those friends and neighbors who supported our successful fundraiser. The Greenbelt American Legion surpassed our expectations with their catering, staff and facility. We had over 200 people in attendance and the night would not have been such a success if not for the assistance given by Michael’s friends.

Special thanks to Greenbelt merchants Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy, New Deal Café, Generous Joe’s, Beijing, Angel’s Touch, Sunoco, Jersey Mike’s Subs, Old Greenbelt Theatre, Three Brothers, Mission BBQ, Chevy’s, Starbucks and to Chef Lou for his guidance, assistance, friendship and awesome desserts! We were also assisted by other local merchants including the Original Ledo’s, Sardi’s, Nando’s Peri Peri, The Bagel Place, Dave’s Famous BBQ, Hair Cuttery, Jason’s, Outback Steakhouse, TJ’s Brewhouse, Behnke’s Nursery, Dunkin’ Donuts, Bobby’s Burgers, Franklin’s General Store, Chesapeake Bar & Grill, Maryland Country Caterers and Busboys and Poets. Thanks also to the band, Simmer Down.

The Foundation was established to turn our loss into something positive by aiding the youth in our community who are seeking assistance. We are in the process of establishing a Facebook page and website which will be up and running in early 2018.

Teresa Maxwell



On Screen

Lady Bird Coming of Age

In her directorial debut veteran scriptwriter and actress Greta Gerwig casts Saoirse Ronan (Brooklyn), nicknamed Lady Bird, a 17-year-old, restless Catholic high school senior who duels with passive-aggressive psychiatric nurse mom Marion (Laurie Metcalf) about choosing a college and just about everything else: drinking, smoking, sex, hair color, etc.

Hubby/dad Tracy Letts has been laid off, which complicates matters. Intelligent and funny, Lady Bird comes to the Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday, December 1.

Running time 1 hour 33 minutes
Rated R

- Jim Link

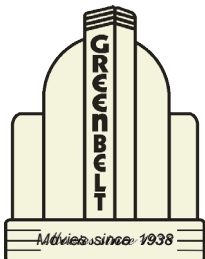


Send Holiday Greetings

The News Review will publish holiday greetings in the December 7 issue. Hanukkah begins December 12.

Be on Time for Santa!

Santa Claus is coming to Greenbelt on Friday, December 1, to light the community tree in Roosevelt Center. The event starts at 7 p.m., and in response to requests from Santa’s littlest fans, he will strive to arrive earlier than in past years, toward the beginning of the festivities. The Greenbelt Concert Band Brass Choir will play seasonal favorites from 7 to 7:30 p.m., and the Recreation Department will serve refreshments. At the conclusion of the outdoor celebration, the Old Greenbelt Theatre will host a free showing of How The Grinch Stole Christmas.



Old Greenbelt Theatre
129 Centerway
301-329-2034
www.greenbelttheatre.org

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All shows before 5 PM:
Adults \$7, Members \$6.50, Kids \$5
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SHOWTIMES
Dec 1st - Dec 7th

LADY BIRD
Fri. 3:15, 5:15
Sat. 1:30, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45 PM
Sun. 1:30, 3:15 (OC), 7:45 PM
Mon. 5:45 PM
Tues. 5:45, 7:45 PM
Wed. 3:45, 5:45, 7:45 PM
Thurs. 5:45

THE GRINCH
(26 mins) (1996) FREE
Fri. After Santa’s Visit!

Fall Family Series:
SPIRITED AWAY
(PG) (125 mins) (2001)
Sat. 11:00 AM

Monday Matinee:
HARVEY
(104 mins) (1950) FREE!
Mon. 1:00 PM

Miyazaki Mondays:
SPIRITED AWAY
(PG) (125 mins) (2001)
Mon. 8:00 PM



Pete Reppert

News Review Elves Seek Holiday Support

In the next few weeks, the fortunate recipients of door-to-door delivery of the News Review will see a small red-printed envelope with their newspaper. The envelope (marked with 2017) is for carrier tips and is addressed to the carrier. Please pop in cash or a check, stick on a stamp and drop it in a mailbox. The carriers, mostly youngsters, go out in all weather to deliver the paper and we pay them only a small stipend. The tips from customers are a significant addition to this.

Take a moment to be generous to the folks who bring you your weekly paper. Put in a little note to say how you value their service – it’s a small thing but it means a lot to them.



Letters Policy

The News Review reserves the right not to publish any letter submitted. Letters are considered accepted when published.

All letters must include the letter writer’s name, physical address and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider withholding the name upon request.

All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, privacy, taste, copyright and clarity.



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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 6 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Lions Club Hosts Breakfast with Santa

The Greenbelt Lions Club’s annual Breakfast with Santa will be held in conjunction with American Legion Post 136 on Saturday, December 2 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Legion, 6900 Greenbelt Road. This is an annual Christmas season fundraising event for the Greenbelt Lions Club in support of the club’s charitable activities. The menu includes pancakes, sausages, eggs and beverages. The breakfast is free for children 12 and under; a fee will be charged for all others.

Santa will be available for pictures with a child or other family member. In addition to photos with Santa and games with the Lions Club’s Leo the Lion, the Hometown U.S.A. chorus will be leading a Christmas carols singalong.

Greenbelt Lions Club is also collecting food, clothing and toys for children of all ages for distribution to families and individuals who may need them this Christmas. Bins for collecting the items are located in the Co-op grocery store, Greenbelt Credit Union and in the Community Center.

As in years past, the American Legion will have a Toys for Tots table. The Toys for Tots program collects new, unwrapped toys for needy children up to 16 years. Collection boxes have included dolls, games ranging from chess and checkers to Battleship and Uno, digital games, sports equipment, books, science projects and various art materials.

Deco The Halls At the Museum

Join the Greenbelt Museum for some holiday good cheer at our annual Deco the Halls Open House on Friday, December 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. Come over directly after the tree lighting at Roosevelt Center! We have festooned the historic house with art deco and vintage decorations for your delight. Take a quick free house tour, get a sense of how the holidays were celebrated in the 1930s and 1940s, and take in how the house sparkles and glows at night. Peruse the gift shop, freshly stocked with new holiday merchandise. For more information, check our website at greenbeltmuseum.org, or call 240-542-2064. Hope to see you there!



The Greenbelt Museum decorated for the holidays

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. For more information call 240-542-8625.

Golden Age Club

by Mary Moien

The Golden Age Club welcomes Rebecca Sutfin who has been selected as the new Greenbelt Recreation Department Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor. Sutfin is familiar to many and will be a wonderful replacement for much loved Karen Haseley who recently retired.

December is an important month for the club. Elections for the 2018 officers will be held at the business meeting on December 6. For those signed up for the bus trip to Toby’s on that day, ballots will be available as you board the bus. Voting is important.

On December 13, there will be a fun presentation on how to have beautiful nails for the holidays and every day.

December 20 will be the holiday pot luck and celebration of December birthdays.

December 27 will be bingo, a fun way to end the year.

All Greenbelt seniors are invited to attend meeting as guests and members. Meetings are held each Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the 2nd floor meeting room of the Community Center.

The Greenbelt Winter Recreation Guide is now available in the Community Center main office.

Reminder for bad weather: there will be NO meeting if county schools are delayed for two hours or more or closed for the day for inclement weather.

GEAC Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 3

The Greenbriar Community Association would like to remind neighbors that the Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition (GEAC) Tree Lighting Ceremony will be at Greenbriar on December 3 at 6 p.m.



More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Santa Claus Is Coming to VFD

Here comes Santa Claus, Here comes Santa Claus, right down Crescent Road. Ho, Ho, Ho, guess who is going to visit Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department? Yes, friends and neighbors it is Santa Claus. Santa is coming on Saturday, December 9 from 9 a.m. to noon. Bring children and/or grandchildren down to greet, meet and talk with Santa. Each child will have their picture taken with Santa. The fire department and ladies auxiliary are very excited and are planning on making this an annual event.

In addition to Santa’s visit, the ladies auxiliary will be hosting a fund raising event breakfast/brunch. Breakfast casseroles, scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, juice and coffee will be served for a small donation. For further information and reservations, call Judy at 301-497-0366 or Kathy at 301-474-4372.

Look for the advertisement in next week’s News Review.



At the Library

English Conversation Club

Monday, December 4, 6:30 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join our club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. Registration is recommended, as space is limited. This club will meet weekly on Monday evenings.

Storytimes

Tuesday, December 5, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people. Wednesday, December 6, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people; ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, December 7, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s) or caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

GHI Notes

Friday, December 1, office closed. For emergency maintenance service, call 301-474-6011.

Wednesday, December 6, 7 p.m., Addition Maintenance Program Task Force Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, December 7, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Saturday, December 9, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

Produce Distribution At SHL Elementary

The GAIL Program will be hosting a free produce distribution on Thursday, December 7 at 2:30 p.m. at Springhill Lake Elementary School, 6060 Springhill Drive. Attendees should bring a wheelie cart or sturdy bags since items may be heavy. Note: No one will be permitted into the school until 2:15 p.m.

MakerSpace Events

Thursday, November 30 is Tech Night. Coder Dojo (kids), 5:30 to 7 p.m.,

Gadget Workshop, 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Coder Dojo for projects, 8:30 to 10 p.m.

Friday, December 1, Open House at the MakerSpace! Drop by the Space, 6 to 8 p.m. for some food, friends and fun.

Saturday, December 2: Open Projects.

Sunday, December 3: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. we’re having a mini Maker Market. There will be DIY crafts for all ages and a “craft shack” with things that are already made.

Animation Meetup, 2 to 4 p.m.

Monday, December 4: FLL Team 1, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5: FLL Team 2, 5:30 to 7 p.m. and Labradoodles 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, December 6: Fiber Fans, 6 to 9 p.m.

Greenbelt Arts Center THIS WEEKEND ONLY

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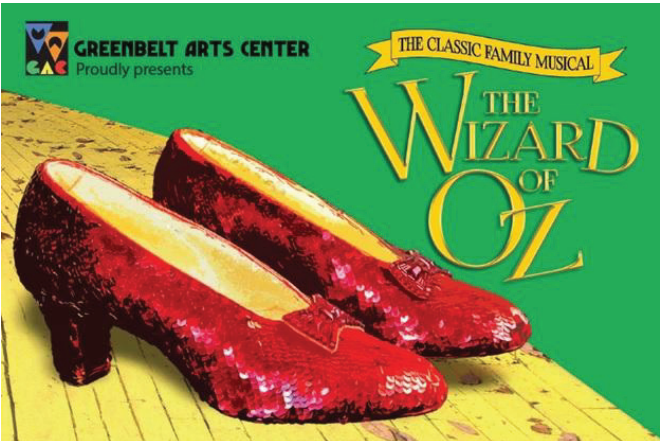
123 CENTERWAY

301-441-8770

Buy tickets online at www.greebeltartscenter.org

December 3rd at 7:00 PM

Tickets are \$20, \$18 for students/seniors/military, \$12 Youth.



by L. Frank Baum

Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg

Background Music by Herbert Stothard,

Dance and Vocal Arrangements by Peter Howard, Orchestration by Larry Wilcox

Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company

Directed by Jon Gardner, Produced by Win Britt

Musical Direction by Daniel Flores

Choreography by Rikki Howie Lacewell and Elizabeth Gardner

November 24, 25, December 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 at 8PM

Matinees: November 26, December 3, 10, 16, 17 at 2PM

Ticket prices: \$25 General Admission, \$22 Students/Seniors/Military, \$14 Youth (12 and under with adult)

COMING SOON

AUDITIONS – Angel Street – December 10 - 11

Almost, Maine – Jan 26– Feb 17, 2018 - Executive Directed by Bob Kleinberg

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org or BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at www.greenbeltartscenter.org



Congratulations! The National Parks Conservation Association and Nature Valley has produced a video on the National Public Lands Day at Greenbelt Park. The video recognizes all the work completed on that day. To view the video go to facebook.com/NationalParks/.

Congratulations to Joan and David Dunham on using their deck for stargazing and successfully recording the occultation of a star by the minor planet (543) Charlotte on November 20.

Congratulations to Assistant Fire Chief Darren Ware and retired Deputy Fire Chief Tyrone Wells of Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department, who have been named Whelen's 2017 Everyday Champions. Ware saw a burning car on the side of the road and rushed to aid the woman inside. Wells quickly joined Ware on the scene and the two men, along with a civilian, managed to get her away from the burning vehicle. Whelen's Everyday Champion is a component of the Whelen Hall of Champions at the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte, NC.

Congratulations to Ema Smith, a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, who published her first article in Teen Vogue called How I Helped Lower the Voting Age to 16 in My Area.

Please share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Potomac Pipeline

On Wednesday, December 6 from 7 to 9 p.m., the Greenbelt Climate Action Network will discuss the Potomac pipeline. The event will be in the Community Center.

TransCanada, the same company that just weeks ago spilled 210,000 gallons of oil on South Dakota land, is proposing a fracked-gas pipeline that would carry fracked gas from Bedford County, Pa., through Hancock, Md., underneath the Potomac River and in to Berkeley County, W.Va. West Virginia landowners like Patricia Kesecker are being forced to give up their land through eminent domain. A blow out or spill could affect 100,000 residents in Washington and Berkeley counties, who depend on the Potomac River for their drinking water.

Join Brooke Harper from Chesapeake Climate Action Network to learn how to get involved in the Potomac Pipeline Campaign.

For more info, contact Lore Rosenthal, Greenbelt Climate Action Network, lore@simplicity-matters.org or 301-345-2234. Information can be found https://www.facebook.com/pg/cheaorsg/events/.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS
Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building
ALL ARE WELCOME.

Biblical Storytelling At Mowatt Dec. 2

Remember Charlie Brown in the TV special where he shared the Christmas story? Imagine sharing this same story with family and friends during the Christmas season. Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church at 40 Ridge Road will be offering a Biblical Storytelling class on Saturday, December 2 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. At the end of the class, attendees will have learned and be able to tell by heart the Christmas story from Luke 2:1-20. The techniques demonstrated in this class can be used to learn and tell any story from scripture. Anyone can learn biblical storytelling, no matter how poor their memory might be. The key is in not just memorizing scripture, but internalizing it, connecting with it, making it one's own story and then sharing it with others.

The class, taught by Rev. Fay Lundin, a member of the Network of Biblical Storytellers, International, and certified by its Academy for Biblical Storytelling, is free of charge and is open to the public. For more information call 202-215-5209.



Greenbelt Park Events

Friday, December 1, The Wild Turkey. Gather at the Ranger Station to hear about the habits and diet of the wild turkey, a native bird species that can be encountered in the forests of Greenbelt. The wild bird's domesticated cousin may grace the Thanksgiving or Christmas table with all the trimmings, but wild turkeys are quite shy and difficult to catch or hunt. Meet at the Ranger Station at 1 p.m.

Saturday, December 2, Winter Discovery Walk. Come to the park and enjoy a winter walk on the Blueberry Trail. Discover the beauty of the forest in winter. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10 a.m.


Saturday, December 2, Outdoor Stewardship Volunteer Event. Join the Invasive Plant Team as they monitor and repel the growing threat of invasive plants in Greenbelt Park. Learn valuable information that not only helps the park, but can help protect vulnerable species in the region. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 11 a.m. Event lasts until 1 p.m.

Sunday, December 3, Every Kid in a Park. All 4th graders are invited to come and find out how to get a free pass to national parks. Learn about various national parks in the region and across America by playing Guess the National Park game. Meet at the Ranger Station at 2 p.m.



December 8 - 17
\$15 Adult, \$12 Students, Senior, Military
\$10 Group Rates 10 or more!

First Baptist Church of Hyattsville
Call 240-565-4144 for ticketing information!
Santa will be visiting at each performance!
Presented by Wolf Pack Theatre Company, Community Crisis Services and First Baptist



"It is not for him to pride himself who loveth his own country, but rather for him who loveth the whole world. The earth is but one country, and mankind its citizens." - Baha'i Writings

Greenbelt Baha'i Community

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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe



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become competitive and want to be the first ones to answer.

As math department chair, Carr guides and supports his fellow math teachers at Greenbelt Middle, helping them build their lessons and testing for the classroom. His advice for new teachers is to relax. "You may come in with a plan but that's not always going to happen," Carr said. Stepping into an actual classroom can be very different than what you prepared for in college.

Middle school math can be a tough subject to teach. Carr knows math is not everyone's favorite subject. He considers it was victory when a student tells him, "You know, I've never really liked math, but I like your class."

Middle school students are also often at a tough age, just beginning to figure out who they are. Carr tries to remember what it was like to be that age. He hopes his classroom is a safe space for students even outside of his math lessons.

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Eaton said, "I try to encourage parents to make sure they start monitoring their child's social media because that's one of our major, major issues."

Despite these challenges, Clark-Eaton is committed to helping her students. "She is all about her students. They are like her kids. Nothing is too small or too big," said Vonette Wright, eighth-

grade counselor at GMS.

Clark-Eaton finds her work with students very fulfilling. For her, "it's rewarding because you also get to help mold and shape those individuals and you get to see them grow."

Stephanie Selzer is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.



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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Worship Service 10 a.m.
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December 3 10 a.m.
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Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Sunday, December 3, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Deaf Group: Weekly Brunch Meeting. 3 to 5 p.m., Art Reception. David Silva and Robert Lindsay. 7 to 9 p.m., The Nighthawks. Mixing blues, R&B, honky-tonk, country, doo-wop, gospel and rockabilly.

Tuesday, December 5, 7 to 9 p.m., The New Old Jamboree hosted by Ruthie and the Wranglers.

Wednesday, December 6, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Rogue Johnsen Trio. Piano blues, swamp blues, Texas blues, original roots music.

Thursday, December 7, noon to 2 p.m., Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft. 7 to 10 p.m., Songwriters' Association of Washington Open Mic with Paige Powell.

Friday, December 8, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Jazz and blues piano by John Guernsey. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., The Smokin' Polecats with Marianna Previti.

Saturday, December 9, 4 to 6 p.m., Bruce Kritt, classical guitar. 6:30 to 8 p.m., Jazz and blues piano by John Guernsey. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Primate Fiasco, Street musicians extraordinaire.

City Notes

Animal Control staff reports one dog and three cats were adopted, one stray dog was returned home, three cats were surrendered and one snake was removed from a residence.

Facility Maintenance crews continued working on punch list items for the Community Center HVAC project, replaced defective emergency lights at the Youth Center, made repairs to the roof of the Aquatic & Fitness Center, replaced receptacle outlets and restored the power to the circuit at the Animal Shelter, retrofitted LED lights in the elevator at the Community Center and rebuilt four faucets in the women's restroom at the Youth Center.

Public Works crew trimmed and cut back the famous Banana Tree in front of the Aquatic & Fitness Center's main entrance.

CARES: Telisa Hickson, a licensed clinical social worker, has joined CARES as the GAIL geriatric case manager.

U.S. Botanic Gardens Has Holiday Concert

The United States Botanic Garden presents a free concert: Holiday Music in the Garden on Tuesday, December 5 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. This is a festive performance of beloved carols, smooth vocal jazz and sparkling contemporary arrangements. It will be held in the Conservatory Garden Court, and is free; no pre-registration is required. Seating is limited.

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City Information

GREENBELT COMMUNITY PLEDGE

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We pledge to foster a community which is respectful, safe, and fair for all people."



SCAMS AND FRAUD

Tuesday, December 5
7-9pm
Greenbelt Community Ctr.
15 Crescent Road

Come out to this free seminar and find out about Scams and Frauds that are taking place in and around our community. Learn about what steps you can take to avoid being victimized. This multimedia presentation is part of a Lecture Series sponsored by the Greenbelt Citizen's Police Academy and the Greenbelt Police Department.

For more information: George Mathews at 240-542-2116.



COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING


Friday, December 1,
7pm, FREE!
Roosevelt Center

Holiday lights will adorn the tree in the traditional spirit of the Festival of Lights season. A musical performance by the Greenbelt Concert Band Brass Choir will herald Santa's grand entrance to help light the tree. Complimentary cookies and hot chocolate will be provided by the Recreation Department. Immediately following the tree lighting, please come inside the Old Greenbelt Theatre and enjoy "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (1966).

DECO THE HALLS

Friday, December 1, 7-9pm
Greenbelt Museum, 10-B Crescent Road

Visit the Museum house at 10-B Crescent Road immediately after the City's tree lighting, to see Deco the Halls, an exhibit of art deco and vintage holiday decorations. Take a quick free tour of this fully furnished original Greenbelt home, which sparkles and glows at night. Then peruse the gift shop, freshly stocked with new holiday merchandise. House and gift shop open 7:00pm-9:00pm. For more information, call 301-507-6582 or visit greenbeltmuseum.org.



COFFEE with the CHIEF

December 7 from noon - 1:30pm
Beltway Plaza Mall in Front of TJ Maxx

Come out and meet Greenbelt Interim Chief of Police Tom Kemp and members of the Police Department in a casual, cordial and informative environment. Have a cup of coffee or tea and engage in positive, productive discussions where concerns can be shared and question can be answered.

We look forward to spending some time with you!

LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE

The City Public Works Department will again collect loose leaves with the leaf vacuum through January 12, 2018. We remind residents to rake the leaves to the curb, but not into the street, and to remove all sticks and stones from the pile as these can damage the machinery. Areas to be collected will be posted as in past years. We also remind residents not to park in front of leaf piles.

WEEK OF:
December 4-8: Boxwood
December 11-15 : Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village Estates and Windsor Green
December 19-23: Lakewood and Greenspring I & II
December 26-29: Lakeside and Windsor Green
January 2-5 and 8-12: All Areas

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 4-8

Monday, December 4 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Zoning Rewrite/NCO Zone** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming on www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: New referrals and Security Camera Review*

Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES** at Public Works, 555 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Urban Forest Master Plan, Mosquito monitoring and control possibilities, WSSC upgrade water pipe project for Greenbelt and its impact on trees*

Wednesday, December 6 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION – 7010 Greenbelt Road - Greenbelt Crossing Development Proposal (Old Nursing Home Site)** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee.

For information on how to apply call 301-474-8000.



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Shop for original, hand-made wares, direct from local artisans. Also, Greenbelt Museum and Friends of Greenbelt Theatre gifts and books by local authors. Great gifts for all ages and occasions!

Saturday, December 2, 10am-5pm
ERHS music Ensembles: 2:30-4:30pm
Sunday, December 3, 10am-4pm
FREE all-ages craft workshop with Amanda Demos Larson: 1-3pm
Artists' studio open house and sale: 1-4pm
Klezmer and more with Seth Kibel: 1:30-3:30pm
Instrumental holiday favorites
Greenbelt Arts Center café open during all fair hours.

GREENBELT FARMERS MARKET HOLIDAY MARKET

Sunday, December 3 from 10:00am – 2:00pm
Wreaths, gift baskets and comestibles.
Outdoors behind the Greenbelt Municipal Building (25 Crescent Road)
www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org



PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Greenbelt Lions Club in conjunction with American Legion Post 136
Saturday, December 2, 8am-11am
Children 12 and under: Free w/paying adult
All others – \$7/person
Greenbelt American Legion Post 136, 6900 Greenbelt Rd
Includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, hot chocolate, milk, and orange juice. Bring camera for picture with Santa! Info: 301-474-8964

GREENBELT EAST ADVISORY COMMITTEE TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Sunday, December 3, 6pm, Open to all ages.
Greenbriar Community Building- FREE! 301-441-1096

Visit Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov for City Services, Events and Information.
Go to www.greenbeltmd.gov/infowall to access all city social media!

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Maglev trains are being considered all over the world with some already built, particularly in Japan, China and South Korea. Those all run for short distances and there are no mentions of tunnels.

Future?

Those who think maglevs will be the future have succeeded in getting both government, foreign and private funding to explore the feasibility of getting one built. Right now, the federal government has provided \$27.8 million to fund an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) and preliminary engineering for the Baltimore-Washington segment. The Maryland Transportation Authority (MTA) is doing the EIS for the National Railroad Administration. Also involved are Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR), a private company seeking to build the line, and the Maryland Economic Development Commission. The study began a year ago and is scheduled for completion January 2019. At present, alternate routes are under study.

To get to Baltimore from Washington the maglev train will have to go through Prince George’s County and that is causing concern among some residents. Three routes are now being studied for environmental impacts. These routes do not follow existing rail lines, taking more direct and less curvy routes; the speedy maglevs can’t do the sharp turns that railroad trains do at slowed-down speeds. The routes pass under highly developed areas of the county as well as in the other jurisdictions affected. Of the three routes, one goes under old Bowie and the other two go north mostly in tunnels under Greenbelt East. One route would emerge from underground in the Forest Preserve and proceed on an elevated trestle to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) where the other route would also become elevated.

Yet no land is to be taken and no buildings torn down. This is possible because in the developed areas the maglev line will be tunneled far underground and, according to proponents, will not cause damage to or be noticeable in surface development. Modern

boring technology makes tunneling easier and less costly with only occasional surface openings, unlike the open trenches dug for Metrorail. The routes also pass through a lot of government-owned land and when it does, it travels on an elevated structure.

According to the informational document concerning the EIS prepared by BWRR (MTA did not participate) that was circulated to local jurisdictions and to those attending public meetings held recently, the EIS study is in its early stages. Feedback from communities and stakeholders is welcomed throughout the process. No alternatives have been chosen yet, and all alignment options are preliminary and subject to change. The EIS process is designed to allow engagement with members of the public, particularly in the affected region and the community, to analyze the impacts of the proposed action and to determine which alternative best meets the purpose and need of the project. The EIS does not determine if a project should or should not take place, but determines instead what impact the project will have upon the environment and what measures might be done to mitigate these problems.

Routes

The three routes under consideration are not fixed in stone and are subject to change. However, the SCMaglev system route can bend only slightly one way or another because of the high speeds of the trains.

Originally the line was to begin at Union Station, but the confluence of Metro and train lines there make the site unsuitable. Two station locations in the District have been designated: in the vicinity of Mount Vernon Square and near the NoMa-Gallaudet Metro station on the Red Line. Through the District the three alternates follow the same path underground along New York Avenue and the adjacent railroad tracks until the CSX line to Greenbelt separates from the Amtrak line to New Carrollton. Instead of going to the left or right as the train tracks do, the proposed route goes straight, crossing into Maryland under Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Just be-

fore going under the Anacostia River, two of the proposed routes, running together, bear left toward Greenbelt (alternates J and J1) and the third continues straight toward New Carrollton (Alternate E1), all tunneling under Bladensburg and other unincorporated area developments.

Beyond Lanham, the New Carrollton route joins with Amtrak and an above surface line is proposed from there through the Huntington section of Bowie (old Bowie) and beside Bowie State University. Entering the Patuxent Research Refuge, it crosses the Patuxent River into the Patuxent Research Refuge North Tract and a small section of Fort Meade. At Odenton just before crossing Md. 32 the route becomes a tunnel again and remains in that to Baltimore.

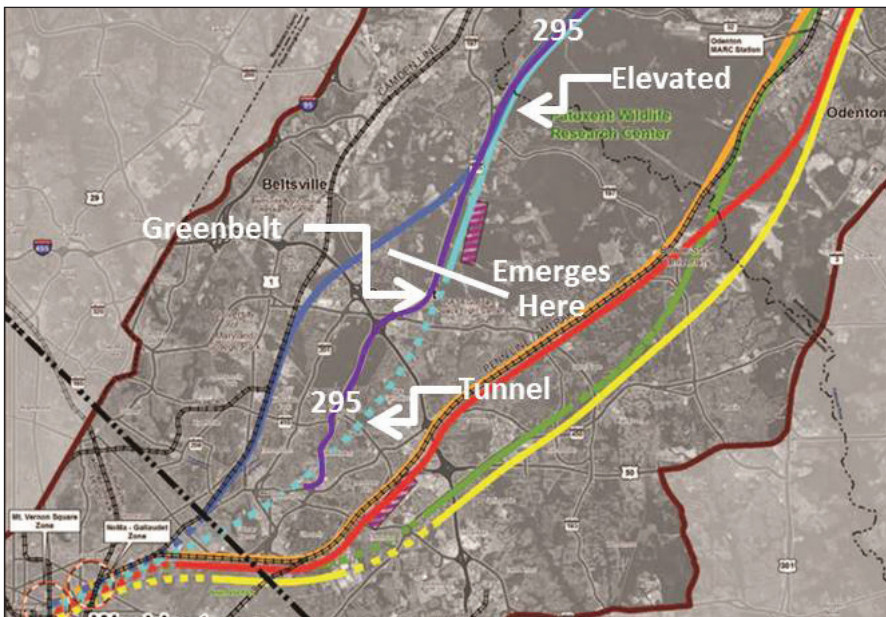
The station at BWI airport would be near the terminal. This route would then go west and north of the other routes, but all would end at a Baltimore station located in one of three possible areas: downtown Harbor Place, the Westport-Cherry Hill area or Port Covington. The latter area is east of the proposed routes and has probably been added as a possible inducement to the Maryland proposal for Amazon.com to locate its second headquarters at an Under Armour development taking place there.

Greenbelt Alternates

Why through Greenbelt? The Baltimore-Washington Parkway is probably the shortest public route between the two cities.

From Bladensburg, the two Greenbelt routes start to divide just before going under Veterans Parkway (Md. 410), but still parallel each other. Alternate route J1 goes directly under Lamont Elementary School with the other nearby at Good Luck Road.

After tunneling under the Beltway, J1 enters Greenbelt and would go under Hunting Ridge Condominiums and the ballfields at Schrom Hills Park in Greenbelt. Alternate J enters Greenbelt a little further south and would



Maglev alternatives, focusing on the Greenbelt Alignment, developed from map provided by bwmaglev.info

go under the homes in Greenbelt Lake Village and Schrom Hills Park and its park buildings.

In the Windsor Green area, J1 goes under homes on Greenbrook Court, Ora Glen Drive, Frankfort Drive and Jacobs Drive. Route J tunnels beneath homes on the west side of Greenbrook Drive and the backyards of homes on Mathew Street, then under homes on Sunrise Court and behind homes on Frankfort Drive and Morrison Drive.

Crossing under Greenbelt Road, J1 tunnels right between the Eleanor Roosevelt High School building and the school’s athletic fields, crosses under Hanover Parkway, homes in Greenbriar section 2, the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and into the Forest Preserve. Route J goes under homes in Greenwood Village, Mandan Road and Greenbriar sections 3 and 4 east of Mandan Road then into BARC near and east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

After tunneling under the Northway ballfields, route J1 emerges from the ground to become an elevated line as it goes

through the Parcel 1 section of the Forest Preserve, entering BARC parallel to the west side of the Parkway. It is unclear if the emerging of this route will impact on the ballfields.

Route J, staying east of the Parkway, does not emerge from the ground until just south of Beaverdam Road. Just north, both routes provide a turn-off to one of two possible locations for a proposed maintenance yard, the western edge of which would be Soil Conservation Road. Currently, Springfield Road crosses through the middle of the proposed yard location.

At this point the routes are shown above ground on either side and close to the Parkway. North of BARC the lines would cross over Laurel-Bowie Road (Md. 197) where subdivisions are located adjacent to the Parkway and route J1 would go beside Suburban Airport and homes in Maryland City. The other route goes through a portion of the North Tract of the Patuxent Research Refuge.

At the Laurel-Fort Meade See MAGLEV, page 9

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A Review

Head Off to See the Wizard

by Jim Link

Follow the yellow brick road to Greenbelt Arts Center to see community theater at its warm, rollicking best. A full house (over 100 by my guesstimate) on opening night for *The Wizard Of Oz* was enchanted by L. Frank Baum’s story, Harold Arlen’s music, E. Y. Harburg’s lyrics, Jon Gardner’s direction, Win Britt’s production, Rickie Howie Lacewell’s and Elizabeth Gardner’s choreography.

This lavish, joyous production has 23 cast members and even more people offstage “using their brains, their hearts and their courage and lots of hard work,” according to Gardner’s director’s note, to make it oodles of fun, a sheer delight.

Watch Dorothy and her ragtag pilgrim friends prance off to the Emerald City to see the Wizard, who will show Dorothy the way back home to Kansas, give Scarecrow a brain, Tinman a heart and Cowardly Lion courage.

See Loraine Hamlett as Dorothy sing *Over the Rainbow*. She is wistful, winsome, innocent, in fine voice, a convincing dreamer.

See Sarah Dallas DeFord as Scarecrow sing *If I had only a Brain*. She is limp, flexible, straw-stuffed, eventually brainy.

See Marie Nearing as Tinman sing *If I Only Had a Heart*. She is metallic, well-oiled, quasi-robotic and deeply touching when she says to Dorothy as she and Toto depart for Kansas, “I know I have a heart cause it’s breaking.”

See Stephen P. Yednock as Cowardly Lion sing *If I Only Had the Nerve*. He is blustery,

strutting, pure alpha male and terribly timid by turns. “I’m just a dandelion,” he confesses. Intentionally or not, Yednock channels Bert Lahr in the 1939 classic movie.

Ian Blackwell Rogers is brilliant as con man Professor Chester Marvel and the smoke-blowing humbug Wizard himself. His comedic timing is pitch perfect; it’s easy to see why he garnered so many kudos as Hamlet a few years ago.

Plenty of others deserve kudos. The beautiful, melodious Courtney James is golden as Glinda, the Good Witch of the North (and Aunt Em) who helps Dorothy use her magic ruby slippers to get back home.

My secret favorite, though, is the delicious Wicked Witch of the West played by Julia Frank. As a practicing psychiatrist who rides her own bicycle and sails around on her own roller skates, Frank hopes she isn’t as nasty as her alter ego. I grieved to see her disappear as she wailed “I’m melting!”

Jocelyn Gross is quite speechless yet quite excellent as Toto; she delivers many timely barks, has panting body language, a wagging tongue and the pleasure of outing Oz by pulling back the curtain of his smoke machine.

David Robinson is gallant, even courtly as the Emerald City guard and the benign Uncle Henry.

The dazzling, energetic ensemble, many of whose members play multiple roles as Munchkins, Poppies, Snowflakes, Cyclones,

Winkies, Jitterbugs and Flying Monkeys, include Findley Holland, Melanie Arter, Summayah Bilal, Hannah Collins, Sophie Cooper, Elizabeth Gardner, Shawford Jackson, Snowdenn Jackson, Beatrice Marcavitch, Julia May, Miracle Omar, Felix Retterer, Samantha Roberts and Melissa Sites.

Jon Gardner’s clever set design features a triptych whose center panel is a revolving door facilitating actors’ entrances and exits, and above which a photo montage shows pre-filmed footage of the Wicked Witch. Also the gnarled, distended, threatening face of Oz gets plenty of play.

It took a costume crew of seven to concoct the regalia for Jitterbugs, Flying Monkeys and more: Anne Gardner, Rebekah Sutfin, Doreen Roberts, Cheramie Jackson, Jennifer Gross, Andrea Marcavitch and Renee Cooper.

After the show Jon Gardner gave a big thank you to the actors’ parents for rearing such wonderful children and for helping to design, sew and make their costumes.

Because you have a brain, gentle reader, you should gather up your friends and sing *We’re Off to See the Wizard* on Fridays and Saturdays, December 1, 2, 8, 9 and 15 at 8 p.m. or Sundays, December 3, 10, 17 and Saturday, December 16, all at 2 p.m.



The tinman (Marie Nearing), Dorothy (Loraine Hamlett), scarecrow (Dallas DeFord) and cowardly lion (Steve Yednock) are off to see the wizard.



The wicked witch is played by Julia Frank.

Photos by Jon Gardner

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, December 7, 2017

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

1.

GHI Executive (closed) Session Meeting- Begins @ 7:00 p.m.

- Approve Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting Held on November 2, 2017
- Member Financial Matters
- Business Owners' Insurance Policy Renewal - 1st reading
- Contract for Pre-sale Repairs -1st reading
- Member Complaint Matter

2.

GHI Open Session – Begins @ 7:30 p.m.

- Approve Minutes of the Open Session Meeting Held on November 2, 2017
- Request by the Member of 135B Northway for an Exception to GHI's Rules to Install Glass Blocks Instead of a Fixed Pane Window
- Expenditure Authorization for the 2017 Operating Budget- 1st reading
- Consider Instituting a Rule that Members Allow GHI to Retain Duplicate Keys for their Exterior Doors
- Proposed GHI’s Comments re: Comprehensive Review Draft for the New P.G. County Zoning Ordinance
- Request the Legislative Government & Affairs Committee to Inform the Board about MD State Proposals for a Maglev Train and the Potential Impacts for Our Community
- Item of Information: Retainer Agreement with a Law Firm to advise GHI on matters regarding the P.G. County Zoning Re-write Project.

To request a sign language interpreter for a board meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, or go to the GHI Office (One Hamilton Place) or contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

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Lady Angels Again Play Smart, Win Big in Montreal Tourney

by Maria Herd

After a four-year hiatus from competing in an international basketball tournament in Canada, the Greenbelt Lady Angels took a new team of women to Montreal to win the championship for the fourth time this past summer. Herbert Allen founded the Lady Angels in 2009 with team captain Jeaneen White. She was playing college basketball at the time but was looking for more local opportunities to practice in the offseason.

Allen started holding Ladies Night at 8 p.m. on Thursdays at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center for local women to play basketball.

“We had a lot of women that came faithfully and he decided, ‘Hey, why don’t we put together a team to go and play in some tournaments?’” recalls White.

She had been playing basketball in the area since the sixth grade, so it wasn’t difficult for her to recruit. “I knew a lot of players who wanted to do something else out of their normal collegiate activities, some other challenge, so I invited them to come here,” White said.

They had never played competitively as a team before, but the Lady Angels still blew out the other seven teams at the tournament in Montreal. White won the Most Valuable Player award in their first 2009 tournament.

The following year, White said the tournament was a little bit more competitive, and in 2011 a lot more competitive, but they still won the championship three years in a row, even with a team of just six players one summer.

“Yeah, you’re happy to win [easily], but it’s not as exciting to play,” White said. “The third year a couple of the games were close, so it was more exciting because you have to battle it out.”

In 2012, the Lady Angels lost in the championship game. Then the core of the team became busy with full-time jobs and raising families, so the interest to compete in Canada fizzled out. But Allen still kept up Ladies Nights on Thursdays.

Now, there’s a new group of women at Ladies Nights, and Allen took the team to the Montreal tournament to win the championship again last July. They are ordering their fourth championship banner to hang in the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Brian Butler, one of the center’s recreation coordinators, helps train men’s basketball but he is always amazed watching the Lady Angels practice.

“I am in awe most of the time when I’m watching the young ladies because I’m like, ‘Honestly, son, they are better than the guys,’” he said.

Butler said the women play smart and communicate more on the court while the men are talented players because of their athleticism.

“Their IQ is two times higher than the gentlemen that I’m working with,” he said. “There is a lot of communication going on in the game, like they actually know the game of basketball. But when you’re dealing with young men, 90 percent of the time it’s more athletic ability.”

Yet the Lady Angels are more than just a team that consistently



The Greenbelt Lady Angels won the championship in Montreal for the fourth time this past summer.

- Photos by Maria Herd



Greenbelt Lady Angels play on Thursday nights at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

wins a Canadian basketball tournament representing Maryland and the U.S. The Thursday night practices provide an outlet for local women to stay active and form community.

“There are not too many places that look at women who are beyond college years [to play basketball],” White said. “If you don’t go pro, if you don’t go semi-pro, there is nothing else for you. But this gives you somewhere to go, so I appreciate that from Herb and the space to make that happen.”

Whether women are looking for a place to exercise, play competitively or connect with other active females, Ladies Night is a great local opportunity, according to White. “It’s a very welcoming environment,” she said. “And it’s more than just basketball, it’s a community, it’s ladies being there for one another.”

Women will even watch each other’s children in the stands during practice, White said.

White also emphasized the time and effort that Allen puts in to make Ladies Night happen, from extending the times on Thursdays and welcoming each and every woman.

“Herb has just been very open and honest with everyone that comes in the door, he’s a sweetheart,” White said. “You can’t help but want to love him and support whatever he is a part of.”

Women of all ages and skill levels are welcome to practice. “It doesn’t matter how skilled you are, he will welcome you. It’s about having the heart to be out here and to want to try,” White said.

Butler described Allen as a leader in the community.

“He is a very community orientated person, and he believes that women’s basketball doesn’t get the notoriety that it deserves,” Butler said. “So he decided some years back to bring women’s

basketball back to Greenbelt and that’s what started it all.”

Allen has coached basketball in Prince George’s County for over 40 years. He came up with the team name himself. He originally thought about calling the team the Greenbelt Ladies. Then, because he is a minister by profession, he came up with the Lady Angels and the name stuck.

The Lady Angels hold an annual benefit game in June to raise money for their tournament. They have also received grants from the Greenbelt Community Foundation. Allen is currently working to apply for more grants and organize a local basketball tournament for the Lady Angels next summer.

“If the girls want to go back to Canada next year, I’m all for it,” he said. But the team could save money if they hold their own tournament. “The goal is to do a tournament here.”

Maria Herd is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.

Co-op Campaign to Fight Hunger through January 6

Every year, many of us feel truly blessed around this time for what we have: family, shelter, food and friends. But in stark contrast there are people right here in our own community who have very little. The Co-op is running its annual Give the Gift of Hope holiday season fundraiser to lend a hand to our less fortunate neighbors.

The Give the Gift of Hope campaign is a point-of-purchase fundraiser that can be made in any amount. To make a donation, simply tell the cashier the amount of your donation. The cashier will scan the campaign coupons, and the amount will automatically appear on your receipt. All donations are tax deductible.

The campaign will end on Saturday, January 6. Upon completion of the program, Co-op Supermarket sends all funds collected to Making Change, which in

turn forwards the donations to the nearby Capital Area Food Bank. Much more than a food pantry, the food bank offers wellness programs, nutrition assistance and support to needy families.

“With thousands of retailers nationwide participating in this Give the Gift of Hope holiday program, we know that collectively we will be making a huge difference in the lives of hungry Americans. It is our hope to raise as much money as possible and share our customers’ generosity with those in need,” says Co-op’s General Manager Bob Davis.

The Give the Gift of Hope campaign is in addition to the Co-op’s ongoing Best Wishes program, which over the course of the past year has donated close to 2,400 bags of groceries to the St. Hugh’s Food Pantry through the amazing generosity of Co-op shoppers.

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up again.

Multiple councilmembers commented that they had excellent customer service experiences with Comcast and so did their constituents.

“I have heard good things about residents scheduling customer service appointments and having the technician get there in a timely fashion,” said Mayor Emmett Jordan. “Sometimes that was challenging in the past.”

Councilmembers related complaints from residents unable to access the local Greenbelt channel, which broadcasts city council meetings, or that they were receiving video of the local feed but no audio.

“For a lot of our constituents, especially when they watch our meetings, that is a real problem because they may not be able to come out,” said Councilmember Silke Pope. “I really want to make sure they hear us when they take the time to watch us.”

Beverly Palau, the city’s public information officer, spoke on this issue because she is the liaison for residents to Comcast or Verizon. She represents the city in the negotiations and also fields complaints from residents.

“If you’re not getting the channel or audio, please give me the address because that way I can narrow down where it’s happening,” Palau said. “It seems to be sporadic.”

Burnette said that Comcast is

currently conducting an analysis with engineers and a construction team to fix the issue. “We are invested in correcting this problem,” she said.

Councilmembers also raised concerns about Comcast’s green cable boxes that are in need of repair. Putens said that he reported a box with a bees’ nest in his neighborhood that went unattended for three months, so Putens removed the nest himself.

“There is no such thing as a perfect cable system at any point in time,” Burnette said. “Whether people tamper with our network, or animals, there are all kinds of things that happen that are outside of our control and we depend on the public to alert us because we’re not out there every day at every touch point.”

Palau said that resident complaints she has received on “service issues have really gone down so that is a big improvement.” The inquiries she hears are usually related to billing.

The Comcast representatives took notes on the council’s concerns and said they would send them a report within 30 days.

One of Comcast’s three Prince George’s County offices is located in Greenbelt on Walker Drive. The two local Xfinity stores for customers are located in Largo and Riverdale Park.

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Fall National Security Forum features journalist Joseph L. Galloway

Event commemorates 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War

Joseph L. “Joe” Galloway, newspaper correspondent and columnist who co-authored the New York Time’s bestseller *We Were Soldiers Once...and Young* will be the keynote speaker at the Department of Maryland American Legion’s 2017 Annual Fall Security Forum.

The event will be held at Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 on December 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, and commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. With the dwindling numbers of World War II and Korean War veterans, the majority of Maryland’s Legionnaires are Vietnam War veterans, a war in which more than 58,000 American service members were killed in action or died of wounds suffered in that conflict. Today some 1,500 service members remain missing in action in what has been one of America’s longest conflicts, second only to the ongoing American and Coalition operations in Afghanistan.

Galloway served with Marine and Army combat units in Vietnam and was the only civilian to be awarded the Bronze Star with Valor device for rescuing several soldiers in the Ia Drang Valley battle in 1965, one of the earliest major battles of the Vietnam War. Galloway went on to serve as war correspondent in numerous other hot spots in his long career.

The evening’s second speaker is Dr. Erik Villard an Army historian and Vietnam War expert who, like Joe Galloway, served as a consultant to the Ken Burns’ documentary production series on the Vietnam War. These presentations are part of The American Legion’s National Security program which is considered one of the strongest Pillars of its Four Pillars, the others being Americanism, Children and Youth and Veterans Affairs.

Contributions for dinner tickets are \$15 each and \$120 for a reserved table for eight. There will be general seating for small groups. For questions about tickets or the forum, contact Col. Mike Duggan, USA (ret.) at mikeduggan59@yahoo.com or call 301-530-8251 or cell-240-731-5492.

Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 is located at 6900 Greenbelt Rd. 301-345-0136.



Joe Galloway

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery
November 16, 4:15 p.m., 8000 block Mandan Road. A man used social media to sell a pair of sneakers and agreed to meet the buyer on Mandan Road to complete the sale. As the seller was about to complete the transaction, he was tackled from behind by a second man as a third man took the sneakers. Both men then fled, as did the supposed buyer.
November 17, 4:30 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. Three men approached a person who was waiting at a bus stop and demanded his T-shirt. When he refused, the men assaulted him and punched him several times. All three then fled on foot.

Assault
November 17, 10:12 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. A 30-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with first degree assault and second degree assault by officers who responded to a report of a man threatening people with a tire iron. He was arrested and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Theft
November 19, 1:08 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Court. A person used social media to purchase a cell phone and agreed to meet the seller in Springhill Court to complete the purchase. The buyer gave the seller the money, at which time the seller fled and got into a vehicle in which there was another man, without giving the buyer the phone. The seller is described as black, 5 feet 8 inches tall, 170 pounds, with dreadlocks, wearing a blue Helly Hansen jacket and glasses. The person with him is described as a short black man with close cropped hair, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and black Adidas sweat pants.

November 20, 12:44 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway. Packages were taken from the front stoop of a residence.

Burglary
November 16, 6:49 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road. Jewelry, watches, table-type computer and glasses were taken from a residence.

Vehicle Crime
One vehicle was stolen, a grey 4-door 2015 Hyundai Sonata with Md. tags 4XB4004, taken from the 7800 block Mandan Road.
Three vehicles were recovered. A 2005 Honda CRV reported stolen to Montgomery County police was recovered in the 9200 block Edmonston Road. A 2014 Honda Accord reported stolen to Prince George’s County police was recovered in the 7600 block Greenbelt Road. A 2009 Nissan Murano SUV reported stolen September 8 from the 6400 block Capital Drive was recovered November 20 by Prince George’s County police in the 11500 block Maple Avenue in Beltsville.

Five thefts from autos were reported and all involved getting access to the interior by way of windows. In the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane car parts were removed from a car with a partially open window. The other thefts occurred after windows were broken out in the 6100 block Breezewood Drive (power tools), 6000 block Springhill Drive (credit card) and in two incidents in the 7800 block Mandan Road (notebook-type computer, driver’s license and credit cards; cell phone).

Safer Internet Selling, Buying
This week’s Police Blotter describes two transactions involving social media that resulted in one robbery and one theft. These might not have occurred if the parties involved had met in a safer location to finalize internet sales.

The Greenbelt Police Department reminds and invites the public to use the police station as a safe place for completion of legal online transactions. Meeting there might also deter those persons planning to carry out possible scams and other crimes. Sellers and buyers can meet in the station’s lobby or just outside to finalize transactions. The lobby is open and available for use 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The Greenbelt Police Station is located at 550 Crescent Road. For more information contact George Mathews, public information liaison, at 240-542-2116.

Kara Court Blaze Injures Fire Fighter, Displaces Residents

On the evening of November 20, a fire broke out in the house at 7911 Kara Court.

Mark Brady, spokesperson for the Prince George’s County Fire/EMS Department, said emergency personnel responded at 6:45 p.m. The fire was extinguished within 15 minutes.

The Red Cross assisted the residents. One firefighter was transported to the hospital for treatment for minor injuries.

Brady said the fire began in the basement. Smoke filled most of the home, making it necessary for the firemen to break out almost all the windows as well as a skylight, and break more holes in the roof.

The fire cost an estimated \$30,000, said Brady.



PHOTO BY JOAN BIXBY DUNHAM

Firefighters clear the building after extinguishing the fire on Kara Court.

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Road (Md.198) a second location is proposed for the maintenance yard to the east of the Parkway and just south of the road. This area has some businesses along the roadside and wetland behind them.

Alternate route J1 descends to a tunnel before Md. 198, but alternate J stays elevated as it crosses Md. 32 and then goes along the east side of Fort Meade. As it leaves the fort, it, too, becomes a tunnel.

From there the two routes parallel each other and merge into one at the airport where the station location is about the same as for the E1 alternate route. North of the airport, both routes proceed underground through developed areas to the three possible Baltimore terminus locations, the J alternate’s tunnel being somewhat east of the E1 alternate. For more information, go to the SCMaglev website at bwmaglev.info or baltimorewashingtonscmaglevproject.com.

(Future articles will present more information about the project history, issues and concerns and other transportation alternatives.)



FALL GUTTER CLEANING SCHEDULE

Gilbert Construction, DCG Gutter Cleaning and Apple 1 Enterprises are the contractors performing GHI’s fall gutter cleaning and inspections.

The week beginning December 4th - December 8th, work will be in this approximate area (weather permitting):

- 1 Court Eastway to 5 Court Eastway
- 1 Court Plateau Pl. to 12 Court Plateau Place
- 55 Court Ridge Rd. to 62 Court Ridge Road
- 1 Court Hillside Rd. to 14 Court Hillside Road

During that time, workers will be on ladders around buildings. Please close your window shades to preserve your privacy.

You may contact Peter Joseph at (301) 474-4161 ext. 141 or email pjoseph@ghi.coop if you have any questions or comments.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS.
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Training Session on Sunday For Concession Volunteers

by Aileen Kroll

Join us at The Old Greenbelt Theatre (OGT) on Sunday, December 3 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., for a fun-filled, info-filled, hour of learning and exploration. Katia and other OGT staff/board members will provide hands-on instruction for volunteers in the concession area. Aileen Kroll of the Center for Dynamic Community Governance (CDCG) will work with volunteers to create an environment where needs are met, questions are answered, comments and feedback are welcomed and accountability is created and sustained.

OGT concession workers receive free movie passes, popcorn and soda. More to the point, they participate in the making of a true community-based theater experience, meet and greet neighbors and friends, and introduce

themselves to people they've not yet had the pleasure to meet. As an OGT volunteer myself, I can tell you that it is a rewarding experience to share this wonderful resource with others.

New volunteers, returning volunteers, well-seasoned volunteers and the curious are encouraged to join in. No registration is required, but feel free to contact me with any questions: aileen@dynamic-governance.org.

Being mindful of everyone's time, volunteers should arrive on time (or a bit early) so the training can start promptly at 3:30.


Trainings for other OGT volunteer opportunities to follow. Stay tuned.

OGT and CDCG thank the Greenbelt Community Foundation for their support of this initiative.



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Students from Rachel Cross's beginner and advanced ukulele classes pose for a picture with their instructor after their recital on November 16: Kellen Murray, Liz Murray, Julie Boynton, Dana Phares, Carrie Pagnucco, Jen Lee, Lyndia Taylor, Beth Anderson, Rachel Cross, Li'l Dan Celdran, JoEllen Sarff, Rachel Canavan and Dmitri Kozak.



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Your Greenbelt Specialists In Roosevelt Center

Mindfulness Room Gives Students Space to Focus

by Matthew Arbach

This year, Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) has created a mindfulness room open to all of its students. Mindfulness, as practiced at GES, can be thought of as the focusing on the present, to achieve greater personal insight and decrease stress and anxiety. Students, sometimes 10 to 15 a day, can access the room for many reasons, including to quell upset, re-center their attention or simply to relax to perform better in their classes. Guidance counselor Kristin Cahalan-Hudson and guidance intern Kimberly Starks expressed excitement over the positive effect that the concept is having with their students.

A look inside the mindfulness room reveals a comforting, serene environment. There are pillows and mats for resting upon. A soothing miniature waterfall sits next to a bronze singing bowl, both used to create meditative sonorities that students can focus on. Children's picture books that teach relaxation and breathing exercises sit next to detailed coloring books. Students can peacefully watch the fish in the small aquarium.

Sessions usually last about 15 minutes and, besides the period from 9 to 9:15 a.m. when the room can be utilized alone, students are always accompanied by an adult, often guidance staff. There is a sign-up list at the door, but the room can also be used as needed during the day if a student asks for it. Teachers must approve of visits. These visits often occur after recess and lunch or at the end of the day or in the morning.

As the room is a new addition to GES, a school-wide orientation has not yet been given that will lay out clearly the rules and parameters for its use. This will happen very soon though, says Cahalan-Hudson. According to her, the room is "still in its infancy phases."

The idea for the room began this past summer through a consultation between the administrative, guidance and special education staff. A GoFundMe page was created to raise funds. The concept now is being used and lauded nationwide, including in several schools in Baltimore City where it has lessened the incidents of detention, says Starks.

In addition to general usage, a small group of 5th graders meets regularly with Starks to develop specific skills in the area of mindfulness. The techniques concern breathing exercises, body awareness, relaxation strategies



The books and tools available in the mindfulness room at Greenbelt Elementary

and cognitive reorientation, which emphasizes the transitory nature of thoughts leading to the enhanced control of one's behavior.

Although not a part of how it is used at GES, mindfulness is a strong tenet found in the Buddhist and Native American religious traditions, where it is used to attain a spiritual center and release from earthly cares.

Mindfulness has achieved a significant place in the treatment of psychological and mental disorders. According to Querstret and Croypley (Clinical Psychology Review, 33, 2013), "Studies have shown that rumination and worry contribute to mental illnesses such as depression and anxiety." Based on Gu, Strauss, Bond and Cavanagh (Clinical Psychology Review, 37, 2015), "mindfulness-based interventions are effective in the reduction of both rumination and worry." Licensed clinical social worker Eric Arbach, at the Maryland Psychiatric Research Center in Catonsville, uses it frequently in therapy groups for the mentally ill. Participants are taught to connect with their five senses, concentrate on the present moment and to assume a non-judgmental attitude towards both their own and others' thoughts. Arbach says "that these activities have been instrumental in lowering their anxiety levels and in helping them cope with their bothersome symptoms, such as auditory hallucinations and intrusive thoughts." They "become less distracted and more present in the group milieu."

Cahalan-Hudson has seen great value in having a space available to decompress, overcome being overwhelmed, become aware of surroundings and focus on the here and now. Starks has seen a physical change in students from using the concept to change consciousness and attitudes. Mindfulness has also been attached to the act of eating, where one is able to enjoy food and not simply consume it. She remarks that students are beginning to transfer these ideas to their home. She adds that mindfulness is being adopted by teachers as well, stating that "it is helpful to me. It is a way of living."

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Youth Board Reps Attend City Summit Conference

by Mariana Guerrero

Greenbelt Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) Chair Ema Smith and Secretary Julia Sharapi traveled to Charlotte, N.C., to attend the annual National League of Cities (NLC) City Summit Conference from November 15 to 18. NLC is an organization dedicated to helping city leaders build better communities, serving as a resource to and an advocate for the more than 19,000 cities, villages and towns across the U.S. that it represents. Nearly 4,000 delegates attended the meeting, including over 200 youth participants from 25 different cities.

For Julia Sharapi it was the first experience in the City Summit and she definitely took advantage of the opportunity. She participated in several workshops specifically designed for youth attendees. In each workshop, the youth delegates were randomized in working groups, assuring that they would interact with youth from several different places in the country. Julia's favorite was the Youth Experiencing Homelessness workshop, given her interest in the topic and the particular group of people that she worked with. She participated in some adult events such as simplifying water maintenance, a topic that she studied at school, and made valuable contributions to the discussion.

Ema Smith had a full agenda for the conference since she is an active member of the NLC Youth Event Planning Committee, a group of young members across the country that meets by teleconference every other week throughout the year, and plans and organizes the youth workshops under the guidance of an NLC staff member. Ema is also a member of the Youth, Educa-



YAC secretary Julia Sharapi presents a poster made during the youth orientation workshop.

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tion and Family Council of the NLC, the only NLC council that allows youth members (five total across the country) and that also translates to additional meetings for her to attend during the conference.

The two YAC members agree that the conference was a valuable experience and they are looking forward to attending next year's conference in Los Angeles. Mariana Guerrero is Ema Smith's mom.



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